

HOUSE BILL 2392

By Maddox

AN ACT to amend Chapter 357 of the Private Acts of 1955; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to mental health commitment jurisdiction for the general sessions court of Weakley County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 357 of the Private Acts of 1955, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended in Section 2, by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as subsection (b):

(b) (1) Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-501(c), the General Sessions Court of Weakley County shall be granted mental health commitment jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. The court shall have jurisdiction to exercise the duties and powers set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated, title 33, chapter 6, part 4, regarding the emergency custody and hospitalization of persons believed to be mentally ill, due to a mental hospital or treatment source being located in the county.

(2) Upon granting of mental health jurisdiction, the base compensation of the judge for the General Sessions Court , as adjusted by any applicable cost-of-living increases and other supplements, shall be increased by five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum, even if the salary increase should compute to a level in excess of the cap described in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-5003(b)(3), in accord with applicable provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-15-5003(g).

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Weakley County prior to August 31, 2007. Its approval or nonapproval

shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of Weakley County and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.